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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, UNSC, LE, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: HADDAD'S BOMBARDMENT

1. FOR BENEFIT OF ADDRESSEES OTHER THAN TEL AVIV:  
WHEN WE FIRST HEARD WORD THAT HADDAD WAS SHELLING THE  
LEBANESE UNIT TONIGHT LEBANON TIME, WE GOT IN TOUCH  
IMMEDIATELY WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS WHO IN TURN TALKED  
TO WEIZMAN. LATTER SAID HE HAD NOT KNOWN OF IT, BUT  
LATER CONFIRMED IT HAD OCCURRED AND THAT HE HAD TAKEN INSTANT  
STEPS TO STOP IT.

2. WE THEN HEARD WORD FROM NEW YORK EARLY EVENING  
WASHINGTON TIME THE NEPALESE,BECAUSE OF THESE BOMBARDMENTS,  
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WERE THREATENING TO "PULL OUT", ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR  
WHETHER THEY MEAN A PULL OUT FROM PRESENT AREA OR FROM  
UNIFIL ITSELF.

3. NEWSOM, THEREFORE, ATTEMPTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH  
ISRAELI CHARGE BAR-ON, TO REVIEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND  
TO URGE THAT ISRAEL TAKE RENEWED STEPS TO STOP HADDAD'S

RECKLESS SHELLING, SINCE IT COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS NOT ONLY FOR THE LEBANESE BUT ALSO FOR UNIFIL ITSELF. MOREOVER, THE PRESENCE OF INTERNATIONAL NEWSMEN IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY PROBABLY MEANT THAT THIS SHELLING WOULD

BE PLAYED UP HEAVILY THERE AND THE FACT THAT HADDAD HAS BEEN ISRAELI-BACKED COULD CAUSE SOME SHARP CRITICISM OF ISRAEL AS WELL AS HADDAD. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ISRAEL TAKE RENEWED, FIRMER STEPS TO STOP HADDAD. 4. DRAPER MADE THE FOREGOING POINTS ON NEWSOM'S BEHALF TO BAR-ON AND COUNSELOR BENTSUR, SINCE WHEN BAR-ON TELEPHONED BACK TO NEWSOM, NEWSOM WAS UNAVAILABLE ENROUTE TO A SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT. BAR-ON AND NEWSOM MAY, HOWEVER, TALK TO EACH OTHER LATER THIS EVENING. CHRISTOPHER

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